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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District

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RIDLEY-THOMAS ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 'CLINIC CAPACITY PROJECT' TO CREATE AND SUPPORT NEW CLINIC SITES IN SOUTH L.A.

Approximately \$15 million is targeted for South L.A. over next three years

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today announced the release of the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services' Request for Applications (RFA) for its "Clinic Capacity Expansion Project," an initiative to create and support new clinic sites and capacity in underserved Service Planning Areas in L.A. County.

The "Clinic Capacity Expansion Project" is intended to provide funds for infrastructure projects – including new construction, renovations, and equipment – to new and existing community health clinics in high-need areas of L.A. County.

"I am urging new and existing eligible applicants to apply for this project, as it presents a huge funding opportunity for free and low-cost community clinics, particularly those serving residents in South Los Angeles," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas explained.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas added that these one-time only funds have been allocated to increase capacity in the underserved geographic areas of the County, with the least amount of existing resources, so that the eligible applicant can be prepared to take advantage of other available or new funding opportunities to sustain their operations.

All projects funded as part of the RFA must be completed within two years of the effective date of the agreement. The Department of Health Services will be responsible for administering the agreements, which result from this application process.

An Eligible Applicants Conference is scheduled for April 13, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Health Services Administration Auditorium, 313 No. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Department of Health Services strongly encourages all potential applicants to attend the conference, as this will be the last opportunity to ask questions.

The deadline to submit RFAs is May 27, 2009 at 4 p.m. To obtain a "Clinic Capacity Expansion Project," RFA or to obtain additional information on the criteria to apply, please log onto <http://ladhs.org/wps/portal/AmbulatoryCare>.

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